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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Katsushi TOKUNAGA et al. : **ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Serial No. 09/725,752 : Docket No. 2000_1639A
Filed November 30, 2000 :

REAGENT FOR DIAGNOSIS OF CROHN'S DISEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The reagent for diagnosing Crohn's disease according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of (v) a substance having a specific affinity for a cytochrome oxidase subunit I gene and (vi) a substance having a specific affinity for a cytochrome b gene.
4. (Amended) The reagent for diagnosing Crohn's disease according to claim 1, wherein the substance having a specific affinity is an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide probe.
5. (Amended) The reagent for diagnosing Crohn's disease according to claim 1, wherein the substance having a specific affinity is an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide primer pair.